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1. RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT PERSONAL EFFECTS SALVAGED FROM II AF 747 CRASH OF MAY 9, 1976 BUT SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS CURRENCY, MOSTLY U.S. RECOVERED. OF THIS \$4,893 WAS DELIVERED LOOSE TO IRANIAN AMBASSADOR BY SPANISH COURT CONCERNED MAY 10. IRANIAN AND LSC OFFICIALS HAVE EXPLAINED THAT EACH PASSENGER ON SUCH FLIGHTS BOUND FOR U.S. IS GIVEN SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS IN U.S. CURRENCY TO COVER PER DIEM EXPENSES, AND MOST OF LOOSE MONEY RECOVERED CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE FROM THIS SOURCE.

2. GLENN E. LAMB, LSC PERSONNEL OFFICER ACTING ON BEHALF AMERICAN NOK, TOOK POSSESSION OF EFFECTS RECOVERED FIRMLY BELIEVED TO HAVE BELONGED TO FOUR AMCIT COMPANY EMPLOYEES KILLED IN CRASH AND ARRANGED TO HAVE THEM HAND CARRIED TO NOK IN U.S.

3. BALANCE OF EFFECTS RECOVERED, WHICH FIRMLY BELIEVED TO HAVE BELONGED TO IRANIANS IN CRASH AND CONSIST MAINLY OF NOTEBOOKS AND WALLETS IN CUSTODY IRANIAN EMBASSY MADRID. IRANIAN EMBASSY PLANS TO ARRANGE TO HAVE THESE EFFECTS, AS WELL AS \$4.893 MENTIONED PARA ONE, RETURNED TO TEHRAN WHERE REPRESENTATIVES IRANIAN

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AIR MINISTRY, LSC, U.S. EMBASSY TEHRAN AND IRANIAN

NOK WILL OVERSEE CONFIRMATION OF OWNERSHIP. IF, AS EXPECTED, INDIVIDUAL OWNERSHIP LOOSE \$4,893 CAN NOT BE ESTABLISHED, WE UNDERSTAND PLAN WOULD BE TO DIVIDE THIS POOL AMONG NOK OF VICTIMS FROM WHOM NO MONEY RECOVERED. FUNDS AMOUNTING TO \$748 AND 2000 PESETAS BELONGING TO HARTMAN RECOVERED, BUT NOT MONEY RECOVERD FOR OTHER THREE AMERICANS IN CRASH WHICH CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS THEIRS. FUNDS IN POSSESSION GLENN E. LAMB OF LSC.

4. MR. V.L. CASTLE, LSC SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE WHO IN MADRID TO INVESTIGATING CRASH AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORT FOR REMAINS, CONFIDED HIS COMPANY EXPECTS COMPENSATE NOK AMERICAN VICTIMS FOR ANY PERSONAL FUNDS THEY WERE CARRYING WHICH NOT RECOVERED. HE STATED THAT LSC AND THE PARENT COMPANY BOLING IN SEATTLE WISH TO CONTINUE TO INFORM NOK DIRECTLY OF DEVELOPMENTS RATHER THAN DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSIES MADRID AND TEHRAN. HE ADDED HE HAD RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT REMAINS OF FOUR AMERICANS VICTIMS OF CRASH HAD ARRIVED AT THEIR FINAL DESTINATIONS IN U.S.
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